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India Carries Out Nuclear Test

India carried out an underground nuclear test this morning. Foreign Secretary Kewal Singh told the US Charge in New Delhi that the test was of an implosion device detonated at a depth of over 100 meters in the Rajasthan desert in western India.

India has possessed for some time the technical ability to undertake a nuclear test.

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Singh insisted today that the test was for peaceful purposes. He said it was carried out to keep India abreast of technology on uses of nuclear energy for such purposes as mining and earth moving.

India has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, claiming that it discriminates against non-nuclear powers.

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